

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 18, having text beginning with "according to this embodiment of the present invention, a reliable transport protocol . . .," with the following amended paragraph:

--According to this embodiment of the present invention, a reliable transport protocol (e.g., RS 2232 transport protocol, Blue Core Serial Port, etc.) may be used over a serial or USB communication port. It is appreciated that this embodiment of the present invention couples the receiving line 331 (R_x) of transceiver circuit 330 to the interrupt mechanism (not shown) directly. The interrupt mechanism is disabled whenever serial port 320 is open and microprocessor 220 is awake. The interrupt mechanism is enabled when microprocessor 220 is in the sleep mode. When the communication port 320 is closed, transceiver device 330 receives signal [[201]] 306 from antenna 305 and attempts to send transmitted data [[201]] 306. Continuous attempts by transceiver circuit to send transmitted data [[305]] 306 causes toggling of the R_x line 331 until the interrupt mechanism (not shown) is triggered to generate an interrupt signal. The interrupt signal is transmitted to microprocessor 220 via interrupt line 240 and microprocessor 220 receives the interrupt signal awakens and opens communication port 320. When communication port 320 opens, microprocessor 220 receives transmitted data 306 and stores

transmitted data 306 in memory 230. It is appreciated that according to this embodiment of the invention, device circuit 210 optionally authenticates trustworthiness of the transmitting device after the communication port 320 is open.--